

NAVY YARD'S WORK IN WAR WINS HONOR

Philadelphia Ranks First Among the American Depots

LEAGUE ISLAND GAINS EARNED RECOGNITION

Station at Last Receives Place in Nation It Long Deserved

MAKER OF HISTORY

Greatest Drydock in World Now Building—Marvelous Feats Marked Progress

[Illustrations of the wonderful work at the navy yard appear on the pictorial page today.]

The war made the Philadelphia Navy Yard the country's biggest and most important depot for the repair and reconstruction of American fighting ships. The days that are to come—the days of new growth and post-war development—will make it the greatest navy yard in America for the building of new war vessels.

Past and present and future the Philadelphia Navy Yard has been, is and will be a huge, busy, history-making institution.

Philadelphia was always proud of it, always believed in it, for years fought to give it the place they knew it deserved among the navy yards of the nation.

With the war comes recognition. The Philadelphia Navy Yard will have the greatest drydock in the world—they are building it now.

To Build Largest Cruisers It will construct on its own huge permanent shipways—bigger than any shipways in any yard in the United States, either public or private—the two largest battle cruisers that have ever been built for any navy.

The keels of these giant war craft will be laid in the spring. In the spring will be launched a hospital ship and four mine sweepers, which are now being built on the yard's smaller ways.

The yard will have an immense new plant—already well on toward completion—that is a necessary adjunct of shipbuilding on a great scale.

There are a few of the plans for the future. They entail the expenditure of millions and the employment of thousands of expert workmen.

Other thousands have been kept busy there early and late and other millions of dollars expended in the immense and infinitely varied work of wartime.

Played Big Part in War The story of the yard's activity in the last year and a half is more interesting if anything than the plans for the future.

Every bit of work done there had an important part in the winning of the war. Many phases of the yard's daily work were in a real sense historic. For obvious reasons they could not be talked about at the moment. Some of them can only be hinted at now.

All the world has heard of the exploit of the marines at Chateau Thierry. Two regiments, the Fifth and Sixth, were brought up on motor trucks at a critical moment in the German attack. The French had been cut to pieces and were withdrawing. Paris was threatened. Then the American soldiers got into the fight. They were slaughtered. Some companies were almost annihilated. But they held the line. In the end it was a great victory for the Allies. It marked the turning point of the war.

The marines who fought at Chateau Thierry boarded their transports at the Philadelphia Navy Yard.

All through the war the yard was the regular transport depot for the marines. All replacement troops for the regiments of marines fighting in France, with the exception of one regiment, were concentrated at the Philadelphia Navy Yard, and thence went direct to the depots overseas. If the armistice had not been signed the Tenth Regiment of Marines would have gone from League Island to take part in the fighting.

Big Guns Were Ready They were to have taken with them twenty huge seven-inch naval guns, with big tractors to haul them. The story is that the great guns, of a new pattern and great range and power, were to have been used to reduce the German forts at Metz. The guns and tractors are still at the yard, a sight

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GRIP CLUTCHES LANCASTER

Again Reported Violent in City and County

Lancaster, Pa., Dec. 12.—Influenza is violent again in this county. The General Hospital reported fifteen cases today and there were two deaths in other hospitals. Repeated calls for nurses and doctors have been received here from all rural sections.

Dr. William B. Thorne, one of the oldest and most prominent physicians of the neighborhood, died late last night of the disease.

Tarzan Is Here Again

Readers of the Evening Public Ledger were long ago fascinated by the weird and thrilling adventures of the ape-man. The new story, Tarzan and the Jewels of Opar has an interest even more gripping than that of its predecessors. The story begins in next Saturday's Evening Public Ledger

BIG FIRMS FIGHT FEDERAL BUREAU OF EMPLOYMENT

Incompetent to Handle Labor Situation, Declare Manufacturers Here

OPPOSE CONGRESS AID

Drag Instead of Help to Business in Administration, They Assert

C. J. DRENNAN

Representatives of fifteen employers of labor in the eastern United States today pledged themselves to oppose the appropriation of money to the United States employment service. C. J. Drennan, supervisor of labor for the Sun Ship Company, of Chester, was elected chairman.

UNIVERSITY HEAD HITS U. S. ACTION

Provost Smith Says Broken Contract Will Cost School \$62,000

RIDICULES LIEUTENANTS

The University of Pennsylvania will lose \$62,000 as a direct result of the Government order disbanding the student army training corps.

The money loss represents the proportional tuition of 620 S. A. T. C. men at Penn., who have announced that they will withdraw from the University now that their expenses are no longer paid by the Government.

This was one of several important items of news which Provost Edgar Fahs Smith, of the University, conveyed to members of the Board of Trustees, whom he addressed today at their weekly luncheon meeting.

Dr. Smith condemned the Government's action. "The contract with the University was to last nine months," he pointed out. "If Penn. had broken its contract it would have lost the entire amount. Now the Government announces that it will terminate at the end of this month."

The University may sustain a further loss through the failure of Washington to record the enrollment of students of the medical, dental and veterinary schools.

These men were sworn in on the campus," said Dr. Smith. "But Washington says it has no record of their enrollment. Other Pennsylvania colleges have not had their enrollment units in infantry, engineering and other branches of the service."

Whether the Government will reimburse them for the work they have done and the money they have spent."

The Provost said that the S. A. T. C. as worked out in 500 American colleges, had not been satisfactory to educators. Especially irritating to the authorities at the University of Pennsylvania was the attitude of the young officers who were sent as aides to Major Griffiths.

"The Government sent eight young lieutenants," he said. "There were three should have been fifty. These young fellows were fresh from their three months' course at the training camps and apparently thought they were regular major generals. By persistence at Washington we managed to get eleven more 'major generals' besides the eight who were there."

Provost Smith announced that today he had sent word to Washington that the University would be willing to contribute reserve officers' training corps units in infantry, engineering and other branches of the service.

He expressed his personal approval of universal military training.

FIRST BRIDGE PLAN COSTLY

Penn Professor Urges Delaware Span From Washington Square

To condemn buildings at the foot of Market street for the erection of a bridge across the Delaware would cost Philadelphia \$29,000,000, was the statement made this afternoon by Professor Warren H. Laird, University of Pennsylvania, in an address before the Camden Bridge Club.

Should the bridge span the river from Market street, Professor Laird further pointed out, the Camden Postoffice and a large public school would have to be torn down. The best place to start the bridge in Philadelphia, he said, would be Washington Square.

According to Professor Laird, 13,000,000 persons and 130,000 vehicles cross from Philadelphia to Camden every year.

NEW PLEDGE ASKED OF BARS

Justice Department Wants No Liquor Sold in Bottles

Members of the Retail Liquor Dealers' Association were asked to renew their pledge against selling intoxicating liquors in bottles, made several months ago in a meeting in Lu Lu Temple this afternoon.

Charles V. Mallat, special agent of the Department of Justice, told the men that unless they volunteered to renew the pledge, which was made by the Department of Justice, would enter remonstrances against them.

Tod Daniel, chief agent of the Department of Justice here, announced this afternoon that he had learned that a number of saloons suspected of working with the bootleggers.

GIVEN CITY POSITIONS

Three Appointed in Water Bureau, One in Transit

Three appointments to positions in the Bureau of Water, and one in the Department of City Transit were announced today by the Civil Service Commission.

The Bureau of Water appointments were: Max Goodman, 214 East Auburn street, inspector, salary \$1200 a year; Frank J. Murray, 18 North Lindenwood street, clerk, salary \$100; and Daniel J. Miller, 470 Duffield street, driver, salary \$3 a day.

Edward K. Lewis, Jr., 1748 North 21st street, was made an apprentice in the transit department at \$600 a year.

POLISH HEROES OF WAR RECEIVE WELCOME HERE

Eleven Veterans of Regiment Wiped Out at Verdun Parade

A young lieutenant and ten other men, all veterans of the Polish Legion, which has bled on the battlefields of Europe, was today the object of attraction in this city.

The detachment of Polish chausseurs, the remnant of a regiment nearly wiped out around Verdun, came to this city last night.

Today they assembled at the Central Y. M. C. A. A squad of soldiers and one of sailors from the navy yard served as the escort. The procession moved first to City Hall, where it was received by Director of Public Safety Wilson, Lieutenant Jan Chodzko made reply to Director Wilson's welcome, through an interpreter.

The chausseurs visited Supreme Court Justice von Moschizker, whose father was born in Poland, and who commended the men on their record. The procession then made its way down Broad street to Chestnut and thence to Independence Hall where it viewed the Liberty Bell and sang the Star Spangled Banner.

Lieutenant Chodzko has been cited for bravery innumerable times. He has been awarded the Croix Militaire, the Joffre medal, Legion d'Honneur and the Croix de Guerre. He has come out of the war with one shattered leg.

KELLOGG DECRIES M'ADOO'S ADVICE

Discerns Scheme for U. S. Railroad Ownership in New Proposal

PROBLEM UP THURSDAY

By the Associated Press

Washington, Dec. 12.—Secretary McAdoo's proposal to keep the railroads under Government control until 1924 met instant criticism from the Republican side today, when the Senate convened. Senator Kellogg, of Minnesota, declared that a proposition for permanent Government ownership of railroads is at the bottom of the whole thing.

Referring to Mr. McAdoo's letter to the Congressional Interstate Commerce Committee, made public last night, Senator Kellogg said it is "a most remarkable document, coming as it does immediately, or in a few days, after the address of the President in which the President said he had no judgment of his own."

To Discuss Plan Thursday Just before Senator Kellogg spoke, the Senate Committee decided to meet Thursday to discuss the railroad problem.

"The railroads were taken over for war purposes," said Senator Kellogg. "It was denied then that it was to be Government ownership. Now Mr. McAdoo comes, making a proposal for a five-year test. A test of what? A test of Government ownership? That's really at the bottom of the whole thing."

Declaring Congress should immediately act on railroad legislation, Senator Kellogg said he favored unified operation under "a strong Government control," together with Federal regulation of railroad securities.

Senator Kellogg declared there is ample time for enactment of necessary legislation to work out the railroad problems before this session ends. He urged that the period of uncertainty be ended as soon as possible, and said the information was that, despite the increased rates, the Government will be behind \$200,000,000 this year in the operation of railroads. If Government control is extended five years, he said it would be absolutely impossible to return the roads to private ownership.

When Senator Kellogg said he intended to introduce a resolution for Congressional investigation of the situation, Chairman Smith, of the Senate Interstate Commerce Committee, interrupted to say he had called a meeting of the committee for next Thursday to discuss the situation.

"I don't understand," Senator Smith added, "that the recommendation on the part of Mr. McAdoo or any one else now that the war has passed, is anything more than an expression of opinion."

FISCHER PLANT ADMITS DEBT

Schutte-Koering Company Confesses \$200,000 Judgment

By virtue of a warrant of attorney James M. Doban appeared today in the Prothonotary's office as counsel for the Schutte-Koering Company, which confessed judgment of \$200,000 in favor of the Logan Trust Company, assignee of the Robert M. Trust Company, assignee of Frank McDonnell.

Adalbert Fischer, who was interested as an alien enemy, in the plant of the company, which had a big machine shop in this city, and plants up the State, and had conducted the business of the company, took over the judgment.

The judgment against the company represented a mortgage loan obtained from a national bank, the Citizens Bank, which was assigned to the Logan Trust Company, and assigned to the Logan Trust Company.

The amount of the money raised by the loan was \$100,000, but the bond and warrant accompanying the mortgage confession of judgment was ordered as a matter of protection to the trust company.

WARNS OF "HERO WORSHIP"

Red Cross Worker Says It Demoralizes Crippled Soldiers

"Hero worship" by their friends and relatives is the most demoralizing influence with which wounded and crippled soldiers and sailors come in contact, according to Miss Florence Sullivan, who is chief of field work for the Red Cross Institute for Crippled and Disabled Men of New York, and spoke before the Pennsylvania School for Social Service.

"Admitting that there are numerous exceptions, Miss Sullivan said that in most cases the sentiment of the friends of the disabled soldier is to make him a hero, and to make him take the attitude that the country owes them support, and therefore they make no effort to learn trades which would make them independent."

CONVICT SAMUEL F. WHEELER

Jury Finds Attorney Guilty of Embezzlement

Samuel F. Wheeler was convicted today before Judge Martin in Quarter Sessions Court, of embezzlement as attorney. The jury returned its verdict after the trial, which lasted for four days. Sentence was deferred pending the disposition of a motion for a new trial. Judge Martin fixed bail at \$2000.

The charges grew out of bail entered by Mr. Wheeler for Charles McMahon, an officer of the International Lumber and Development Company, who was sentenced three years ago in the United States District Court on charges of using the mails to defraud. Mr. Wheeler was charged with embezzlement as attorney for McMahon, belonging to Francis Powell of 115,000, belonging to Francis Powell, who testified he gave the money to Wheeler to get bail for McMahon.

AMERICAN FLEET SAILS TO ESCORT WILSON TO BREST

Three Divisions to Meet President 90 Miles Off France Tomorrow

REACHED BY WIRELESS

Officials of French Republic Assemble to Tender Glad Greetings

By the Associated Press

London, Dec. 12.—The United States battle fleet, which is to form part of the escort of the U. S. S. George Washington into Brest, left Portland this morning. It was commanded by Vice Admiral Sims, who was on board the battleship Wyoming. The fleet consisted of two battleship divisions, under Admirals Rodman and Rodgers, and one destroyer division.

The fleet will be met at sea by thirty destroyers from Brest. The George Washington, carrying the President and his party, will be met at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning, ninety miles from Brest.

BREST IN GALA ARRAY

Brest, Dec. 12.—(By A. P.)—President Wilson will arrive here, his first stopping place in France, at noon tomorrow. The French Government and the ancient Breton city have completed their preparations to commemorate the first landing of an American President on the soil of Europe.

The weather this evening was not promising for the brilliant naval spectacle which will mark the President's arrival, as a steady rain was falling and a thick mist enveloped the harbor, making the outer headlands dimly visible.

Brest is crowded with troops and sailors and the Breton peasantry in their quaint costumes. Buildings and squares are hung with flags and streamers and mottoes bearing the words "Vive Wilson! Vive le Champion of the Rights of Man!"

An American naval band gave a concert this evening in the Place President Wilson. A large crowd was present, notwithstanding the rain.

Wireless reports to the American naval authorities are that the U. S. S. George Washington is steaming steadily toward Brest. It is expected that the lighthouse at the point will sight the presidential steamer and its naval escort a little before noon Friday and that the fleet will arrive in the harbor an hour later.

To Be Welcomed Stephen Pichon, the French Foreign Minister, and Georges Leygues, Minister of Marine, will go aboard the George Washington at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon to extend the first formal greetings. General Pershing, General Bliss, Admiral Benson, Admiral Wilson, Colonel E. M. House and Ambassador Sharp will go aboard at the same time. The President's band will arrive at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Presidential party will be brought ashore on the channel steamer St. Tuire, which has been brought here to take the place of the lighter, usually employed. The steamer will fly the French flag and the President's ensign.

It has been arranged that the various military, naval, and diplomatic dignitaries will be first to welcome the President and his party. The foreign committee of the chamber of Deputies and a delegation of socialist deputies also will be present.

Foreign Minister Pichon will welcome the distinguished guests on behalf of the French Government and Mayor Goude on behalf of the city of Brest. The President's band will play the national anthem and the French national anthem.

The city is wild with excitement tonight. The streets are thronged with people. Patriotic meetings and concerts are being held and the President is assured of a tumultuous welcome.

Address to Troops Paris, Dec. 12.—(By A. P.)—The address which President Wilson will make to the American troops, probably as soon after his arrival in France as possible, is expected to be one of the most important delivered during his stay in Europe, and is being looked forward to by Europeans, who hope to gain from this a more definite idea of the President's attitude toward the war.

The President, it is announced, will visit devastated districts in France, and, although the present plans are tentative, all depend upon his personal wishes, the trip may take in former German territory. Visits to Metz and Strasbourg are extremely probable. President Wilson will lunch with

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BIG CARGO SHIP DELIVERED

Indianapolis, Largest Built on Delaware, Ready for Government

The 12,500-ton cargo steamer Indianapolis, one of the largest merchant vessels ever built on the Delaware River, was turned over to the Government this afternoon by the Pennsylvania Shipyard, at Lancaster.

The Indianapolis was launched July 2, 1918, and is the largest cargo vessel equal in tonnage, the South Bend and the Marica, were launched from the yards of the Sun Company yard at Chester.

MAY MARCH ON BERLIN

Reactionaries Are Concentrating Close to Capital

Zurich, Dec. 12.—German reactionaries who have refused to recognize the Workers' and Soldiers' Councils are re-enforcing other reactionaries in the region of Berlin, it was reported here today. When they have gained sufficient strength it is possible they will march on the capital.

In the meantime the Spartacists and Eberthians are arming. Both factions have been accused of receiving Bolshevik money.

THANKS! Generally fair tonight. And Friday. Gentle winds will grace a bright and dry day.

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